Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Thursday 30 Sep 2021 until 23:59 on Friday 01 Oct 2021

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 29 Sep 2021 at 13:55 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for unsettled, but medium and lowering for the weekend for the detail in timings and tracks of worst of conditions.

Headline for Thursday 30 Sep 2021: Unsettled with showers or longer periods of rain. Feeling bitter in summit gales.

Mountain weather hazards on Thursday 30 Sep 2021

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy Snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales Medium Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** Low Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Medium Likelihood
Thunderstorms Low Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** Low Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Light rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Light rain	Heavy rain showers	Heavy rain showers	Heavy rain showers	Light rain showers (night)
Precipitation probability							
10%	70%	80%	70%	40%	60%	40%	30%

Forecast for Thursday 30 Sep 2021

Weather: Band of, occasionally heavy, rain spreading from the west overnight. Overcast start to Thursday with periods of rain, which turn heavy at times. This clears to the east towards mid-morning with blustery showers following from the west, these heavy at times, particularly across western ranges. Showers easing mid-evening, before merging to longer, heavier, potentially thundery, periods of rain late evening and overnight.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: Virtually nil in the rain early and later in periods, 70% in the showery flow

Visibility: Becoming moderate or poor in rain and showers, very poor in hill fog which will be extensive above 450-600m in early and later periods of rain, scattered to broken from 600m in showery flow.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	25/31 S	40/52 SE	39/52 SE	28/37 S	31/43 SW	33/46 SW	26/34 SW	20/26 S	19/26 SE
900	18/26 S	27/38 SE	26/38 SE	22/31 S	24/36 SW	26/38 SW	19/28 SW	13/19 S	15/22 SE
600	22/28 S	36/46 SE	36/48 SE	26/35 S	30/40 SW	29/41 SW	22/30 SW	15/20 S	15/21 SE
300	12/19 S	21/33 SE	19/30 SE	15/26 S	17/30 SW	18/30 SW	12/20 SW	8/14 S	9/18 SE
Glen	5/12 S	10/25 SE	13/30 S	13/28 SW	14/30 SW	14/30 SW	9/21 SW	6/14 S	6/17 E

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-0/-7	-0/-9	2/-6	4/-2	4/-2	5/-2	4/-2	3/-2	3/-2
900	2/-4	2/-4	4/-2	6/2	7/2	7/2	6/2	5/2	5/1
600	5/1	7/2	8/2	8/4	9/4	9/5	8/4	8/5	8/5
300	8/5	7/3	9/5	11/8	11/8	11/8	10/8	10/8	10/8
Glen	8/7	9/7	10/8	13/10	13/10	13/10	12/10	11/10	11/10
Freezing Level*	1300m	2100m	2200m	1900m	1900m	1900m	1800m	1800m	1700m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Difficult autumnal conditions with hill fog and buffeting summit gales to consider, with winds gusting towards 60mph across most exposed ridges and summits.

Forecast for Friday 01 Oct 2021

Weather: Poor weather with frequent blustery showers pushing across all ranges, bringing the risk of hail and thunderstorms, also turning wintry across higher peaks.

Maximum wind: West to southwest mean 30-35mph with gusts reaching 55mph across most exposed ridges and summits.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 70% for any given time, but virtually nil for extended periods.

Visibility: Good becoming moderate or poor in showers, very poor in hill fog with bases lowering 450-600m in showers.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 5 Celsius rising 15 Celsius during the afternoon
At 800m: Plus 4 Celsius
Freezing level: Lowering to around 1100 m

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